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**CONGRESSMAN LIPINSKI GARNERS ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR
CHICAGO AREA WATER PROJECTS**

[WASHINGTON, DC] Congressman Bill Lipinski announced that the House of Representatives has passed the Energy and Water Appropriations which includes eight critical water infrastructure projects in Chicagoland totaling \$25.05 million as requested by the Congressman. With Congressman Lipinski's support, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which funds the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, passed today by a vote of 377 to 26.

"With miles of irreplaceable infrastructure and public property at stake, these projects will not only improve our citizens' everyday life, but will also ensure economic stability in our communities," stated Lipinski. "The projects will aide in the restoration and protection of aquatic life and the environment as a whole, provide significant flood control, and protect public facilities. I am pleased to play an active role in securing these dollars that will work to ensure a prosperous environment for future generations."

Lipinski is the senior Illinois member on the influential House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which has jurisdiction over the Army Corps.

The FY 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations bill includes funding for the following projects requested by Lipinski:

- \$24 million to continue construction on the Chicago Shoreline Protection Project
- \$200,000 for the Groveland Avenue Berm emergency streambank restoration project, Riverside
- \$150,000 for the Hoffman Dam aquatic ecosystem restoration project, Riverside
- \$100,000 for the Natalie Creek flood damage reduction project, Midlothian
- \$100,000 for the Addison Creek flood damage reduction project, North Riverside
- \$100,000 for the Stoney Creek flood damage reduction project, Oak Lawn
- \$50,000 for the Illinois and Michigan Canal & Cal-Sag Channel aquatic ecosystem restoration project

The Senate has not yet voted on a FY 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, therefore the above figures have not been finalized and are subject to change.

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